



## **ADVISORY**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has directed its contractor implementing the work at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal breach area to demolish homes currently being acquired due to the close proximity of the repair construction work in relation to the standing homes and related safety concerns, as the Corps reinstates a line of protection for the community in the Phase 2 repairs using temporary retaining system (TRS) walls.

There are 14 structures being removed. The homeowners were notified in a meeting held on May 27, 2006, that their entire properties would be required for the construction repair in that area. Subsequently, the properties were commandeered by the Mayor on June 15, 2006. The acquisition of these properties is being performed on an expedited schedule by an independent contractor. It is estimated that offers of just compensation will be made to the homeowners by the end of August or early September 2006.

In addition, relocation assistance benefits will be discussed with each owner. These benefits include relocation advisory services and replacement housing payments, which are designed to assist in finding and relocating to another home.

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